# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition to	)	
Revoke Probation Against:	)	
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JAMES A. McFARLAND, D.P.M.	)	No: D1-91-10158
Certificate #E-2416	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulation for Surrender of License is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Board of Podiatric Medicine of the Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 1999

DATED February 4. 1999.

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE** 

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- 2. James A. McFarland, DPM ("respondent") is represented in this matter by attorney Dan Irving, Esq., whose address is 857 Jefferson Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080. The respondent has counseled with his attorney concerning the effect of this stipulation which respondent has carefully read and fully understands.
- 3. Respondent has received and read the Petition to Revoke Probation which is presently on file and pending in Case Number D1-91-10158 before the Board, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Petition to Revoke Probation and that, if proven at hearing, such charges and allegations would constitute cause for revoking his probation in case number D-5315 and for revoking his podiatric medical license issued by the Board.
- 5. Respondent and his counsel are aware of each of respondent's rights, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who would testify against respondent, the right to testify and present evidence on his own behalf, as well as to the-issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to contest the charges and allegations, and other rights which are accorded respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including the right to seek reconsideration, review by the superior court, and

appellate review.

- 6. In order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a hearing, respondent freely and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights set forth above and admits the truth of the allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation number D1-91-10158. Respondent agrees that cause exists to revoke his probation and his license pursuant to the provisions of the Stipulation, Decision and Waiver in case number D-5315, and hereby surrenders his podiatric medical license for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 7. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he is enabling the Board to issue its order accepting the surrender of his license without further process. He understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for petitioner may communicate directly regarding this stipulation, without notice to or participation by respondent or his counsel. In the event that this stipulation is rejected for any reason by the Board, it will be of no force or effect for either party. The Board will not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation. After respondent has executed this stipulation, he shall not be permitted to withdraw from it.
- 8. Upon acceptance of the stipulation by the Board, respondent understands that he will no longer be permitted to practice as a doctor of podiatric medicine in California, and also agrees to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board

both his license and wallet certificate, if still in his possession, before the effective date of the decision.

Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a completely new application for licensure, the respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for obtaining a license to practice podiatric medicine in the State of California in effect at the time the application is filed, including the passing of the Board's normal licensure examination(s), and all of the charges and allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation number D1-91-10158 as well as in the underlying Accusation number D-5315 will be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. The Board shall take no action on any such petition, application or reapplication until respondent shall show to the satisfaction of the Board that all costs or fees of any sort or kind owing pursuant to the Stipulation, Waiver and Decision in case number D-5315 effective October 21, 1994, have been paid to the Board.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

I, James A. McFarland, DPM have carefully read the above stipulation and enter into it freely and voluntarily with the advice of counsel and, with full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender my podiatric medical license number E-2416 to the Board of Podiatric Medicine for its formal

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acceptance. By signing this stipulation to surrender my license, 1 I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will 2 lose all rights and privileges to practice as a doctor of 3 podiatric medicine in the State of California and I also will 4 cause to be delivered to the Board both my license and wallet 5 certificate, if still in my possession, before the effective date 6 of the decision. 7 DATED: 12-9-9 8 9 10 Respondent 11 12 I concur in the stipulation. 13 14 DATED: 12-8-98 15 16 17 Attorney for Respondent 18 19 DATED: 17-14-98 20 21 DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General 22 of the State of California 23 24 FRED A. SLIMP II 25 Deputy Attorney General 26 Attorneys for Petitioner 27

FILED STATE OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO Well.

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In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation against:

JAMES A. McFARLAND, DPM

940 Matson Drive

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Podiatric Medical

as follows:

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Case No. D1-91-10158

PETITION TO

REVOKE PROBATION

Respondent.

COMES NOW petitioner James H. Rathlesberger and alleges

#### **PARTIES**

- Petitioner, James H. Rathlesberger, is the Executive Officer of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (hereinafter "Board") and brings this accusation solely in his official capacity.
- On or about May 18, 1979, Podiatric Medical 2. License No. E-2416 was issued by the Board to James A. McFarland, DPM (hereinafter "respondent"), and at all times relevant to the

charges brought herein, the license has been in full force and effect, except that by Order of September 21, 1994, effective October 21, 1994, in case number D-5315, respondent's podiatric medical license was placed on seven (7) years' probation with terms and conditions. Said license expired on August 31, 1994, and is in delinquent status.

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#### JURISDICTION

- 3. This petition is brought before the Board under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") and/or other pertinent authority:
  - A. Section 2227 of the Code provides that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring if probation is imposed.
  - B. Section 2234(b) of the Code provides that gross negligence constitutes unprofessional conduct.
  - C. Section 2234(c) of the Code provides that repeated negligent acts constitute unprofessional conduct.
  - D. Section 2234(d) of the Code provides that incompetence constitutes unprofessional conduct.
  - E. Section 2497.5 of the Code provides in pertinent part that the Board may request an administrative law judge to include in any proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding before the Board to include an order directing any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay

the Board a sum not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.

4. Respondent is liable to revocation of probation and revocation of his podiatric medical license for failure to comply with the probationary order indicated in paragraph 2, above, as more fully set forth hereinbelow.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF PROBATION (Failure to Comply with Terms of Probation)

- 5. Accusation No. D-5315 issued against respondent on or about July 27, 1994 alleging causes for discipline for violation of Code sections 2234(b), 2234(c), and 2234(d), in that respondent was guilty of numerous incidents of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence involving the podiatric care of multiple patients.
- 6. By stipulation for settlement of Accusation No. D-5315 executed by respondent on May 24, 1994, and effective on October 21, 1994, respondent admitted conduct constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Code sections 2234(b) (gross negligence) and 2234(d) (incompetence), and agreed to abide by the terms and conditions of the stipulation.
- 7. Among the terms and conditions of the stipulation with which respondent agreed to abide are the following:
  - A. Successful completion of an oral clinical examination. (See Stipulation and Waiver at paragraph 7(B).)
  - B. Submission for the Board's approval of a plan for 40 additional hours of Continuing Medical Education for each year of probation. (See <u>id</u>. at paragraph 7(C).)
    - C. Payment of \$3,000 as recovery of the Board's

reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution within the first year of probation. (See  $\underline{id}$ . at paragraph 7(E).)

- 8. Respondent has failed or refused to comply with any of the terms or conditions set forth above in paragraph 7 and its subparts with which he agreed to abide.
- 9. Paragraph 7(M) of the said stipulation and waiver provides that should respondent violate probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent any hearing required by law, may revoke the order of probation and vacate the stay of the order of revocation imposed in said stipulation and waiver.
- 10. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraph 8, above, constitutes conduct subjecting him to revocation of probation and vacating of the stay of the order of revocation of his podiatric medical license previously imposed.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE petitioner requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged and that, following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- Revoking podiatric medical license number E-2416
   previously issued to respondent James A. McFarland, DPM;
- 2. Revoking the probation previously granted to respondent James A. McFarland, DPM pursuant to the Board's decision effective October 21, 1994;
- 3. Ordering respondent to pay the Board the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case and the costs of probation monitoring if probation is imposed; and

4. Taking such other and further action as the Board may deem necessary or proper.

DATED: October 1, 1998

James H. Rathlesberger
Executive Officer
Board of Podiatric Medicine
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

Petitioner